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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Parthasarathy Ranganathan **Confirmation No.:** 9027
Serial No.: 10/830,217 **Examiner:** Mark A. Connolly
Filed: April 23, 2004 **Group Art Unit:** 2115
Title: SELECTING INPUT/OUTPUT DEVICES TO CONTROL POWER
CONSUMPTION OF A COMPUTER SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2007, kindly amend the application identified above as follows.